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COUNTRY: Rumania

SUBJECT: Cernowiti Textile Factory

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1. The Cernowiti Textile Factory was located on three acres of land in the northern part of the town. The factory consisted of six buildings constructed of red brick. Prior to 1941 the factory was known as the Hercules Textile Plant. After 1941 the factory was renamed "Incorom". While still an independent company (1941) the Hercules Plant was under the management of three directors. Two were brothers (fnu) Deligdes (Jewish) and a (fnu) Salamovici (Rumanian).

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2. During normal periods, the factory employed approximately 1500 persons including skilled, unskilled, and administrative. The work day, prior to 1942, was eight to ten hours a day.

All of the machinery was in excellent condition. Raw material came from Rumania.

3. Principal cloth manufactured was flannel, broadcloth, covert, and woollens for clothing. Cloth was of different weight and types. A portion of the production was devoted to a mixture of silk and rayon. Additional production consisted of materials for stockings, flannelette for children's clothing, and men's shirts.
4. Prior to World War II, when the textile plant was an independent company, it distributed its products through branch sales offices located in the large cities of Rumania. After the factory became nationalized, all material produced went to the armed forces and to state owned warehouses in Cernowiti and Bucharest.

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5. Up to 1944 there was no idle machinery except when caused by a breakdown. Compared to pre World War II, production and efficiency was much greater during war time.

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6. [redacted] the following men were in charge.

Director - (fnu) Vasu -- [redacted]

Chief Engineer- (fnu) Borzea [redacted]

Asst. Engineer- (fnu) Cupsa - [redacted]

Asst. Engineer - (fnu) Surdu [redacted]

[redacted] these men were not communists.

7. On 25 March 1944 there was a fire at the plant. It is unknown who was responsible for the fire or whether the plant burned down completely.

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8. During the war years textile consumer supplies were plentiful and there was no need to use substitutes. [redacted]

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